TEUTONS ALARMED; OFFER TO REVISE TERMS TO SLAVS

Willing to Reconsider Original Demands.

Bolsheviki, Furious Over Duplicity of Central Powers, Appeal to German People

London Now Expects de Facto Government at Petrograd

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4. The Central Powers have notified Russia of their willingness to reconsider their original peace terms, nd negotiations may be resumed at Brest-Litovsk, according to informaion received here today.

The next session of the Brest-Litovsk parley has provisionally seen set for tomorrow.

The Bolshevik Government at Petrograd has sent an aultimatum to the Austro-German envoys, declaring that all relations will be decisively broken off and the armistice will be terminated unless the Austro-German soldiers are withdrawn from Poland, Courland and adjacent Russian territory. The Bolsheviki's appeal to the per

les of the Central Empires to compel the basis of no annexations and no indemnities was sent out from Petrograd

It was undoubtedly picked up by the German wireless station at Nauen. but whether or not the German censor sllowed it to be made public was unsnown here at the time this dispatch

ussia between the Red guard and ne anti-Bolshevik forces was overnadowed in Petrograd by the peace

roys, calling them woives and the tools of the Junkers. The Kalser and Emperor Charles of

The Kalser and Emperor Charles of austria are said to be greatly perturbed ver the trend the negotiations have aken. Both were vidently of the opin-on that the Russians were so hungry peace that they would jump at any t. There are indications also that sentions have occurred among the tran peace envoys. Doctor von enlmann, the Foreign Minister, is revorted to have stood out for moderation, while General von Hoffman, represent-by the view of the Junkers, demanded

BOLSHEVIK IRE ROUSED BY TEUTON "DUPLICITY"

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4 Russia repudiates a German-contrived cace. The Bolshevik Government is wake to the duplicity and self-interest the Germans. Whether or not Russian fight again within mouths cannot

These facts stood in strong relief to-lay out of a maze of almost systerical loishevik anger at the full record of ferman machinations and attempts to excive the Russian people. Publica-ion of the proceedings at Brest-Litovek. Ith interviews with the Russian dele-ates spread over all the newspapers ate interviews with the Russian dele-ates spread over all the newspapers uring the last few days, has brought ome to the Russian people Germany's uplicity in all the armistics and place

No peace is possible, in the German live, without Germany's virtual annexaof Lithuania, Poland, Courland and

FLETCHER REMOVED FOR ANTILLES LOSS

Command of U. S. Convoy System

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. WASHINGTON. Jan. 4Admiral W. B. Fletcher, formerly in
harge of the navy convoy system
broad, has been relieved and ordered
one as a direct outgrowth of the toredoing of the American transport Anilles. This fact became known today,
considerable time after its occurrence,

Rear Admiral Fletcher — not the fletcher of Vera Cruz fame—did not have bufficient convoy at his disposal, it shid, but it is a moot question in navy interest whether Admiral Sins, chief of propean waters, provided enough de-

GERMANS TRY TO HEAL BREACH

ALARMED by the stand of the Bolshevik Government in repudiating Resumption of Parley Set for Tomorrow

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A the demands of the Central Powers' delegates at the Brestlitovsk peace parley, the Teutons have decided to recede from their
original terms, according to advices from Copenhagen, which add that
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Petrograd is thoroughly aroused over what the Bolsheviki term the duplicity of the Kaiser and his allies.

The Bolsheviki's appeal to the German people to compel their Government to accept the "no annexations, no indemnities" principle has been sent out by wireless, but it is doubtful if it will be permitted to reach the German population.

The sudden turn of events at Petrograd may mean the recognition of the Bolshevik Government by the Allies, according to London. It is not expected, however, that even in case of the Russo-German break definite, Russia will be able to resume the war.

Petrograd announces that the Bolsheviki have decided to acknowledge the independence of Ukrainia. Foreign Minister Trotsky has also notified Persia that Russian troops will be withdraw from that country on condition that Turkey do likewise.

Allies to Recognize FRANCIS J. HENEY QUIZZING A WITNESS



This nationally known prosecutor is counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, which is conducting an investigation at the Federal Ruilding into the alleged illegal connection between the Philadelphia fat-rendering business and the Meat Trust, also known as the "Big Three." It will be recalled that Heney was shot in the jaw while prosecuting Abe Reuff and Mayor Schmitt, Mayor of San Francisco, whom he was instrumental in convicting on charges of municipal graft. He also prosecuted the Oregon land grabbers.

WAR PLANT MENACED

Hoboken Blaze Escapes Control of Firemen-\$2,000,000 Grocery Stock Also Imperilled

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 4.-Fire that started in the Gattl-McQuade paper plant here at 8 a. m. today was still beyond central of the fire department

the Butler storage warehouse, where \$2,000,000 worth of groceries are stored. Within two blocks of the burning structures are located the Remington munitions factory and Tieden-Lang drydock. Both plants, menaced by the fire, are doing Government -ark. Low water pressure, due to water famineand extreme cold, hamper the

famineand extreme cold, hamper the firemen's progress.

Fifty soldiers, with fixed bayonets, are patroling the streets, keeping every one back except the firefighters. The blaze is within the zone barred to enemy

The paper plant will be a total loss.

THINKING HE HAD SLAIN WIFE, KILLS HIMSELF

Woman Falls After Being Wounded in Arm and Husband Then Commits Suicide

Giulio Bunacio, forty-two years old. Giulie Bunacio, forty-two years old, 1915 South Reese street, a labs rer at Hog Island, killed himself early this morning with a revolver when he thought he had killed his wife after a quarrel. He fired one shot at her and missed. The second bullet went through her right arm. Having been missed once and hit once, she decided the best thing to do was to pretend she had been killed, so she fell to the floor and rolled partly under the bed. Bunacio then turned the gun upon himself, she says, Sergeant Grimes and Patrolman Amorosio, of the Seventh and Carpenter. Sergeant Grimes and Patrolman Amorosio, of the Seventh and Cerpenter streets station, heard the shots and broke into the house. The body of the man was taken to the hospital in the man was then to the hospital in the A secondary development of the hear-natrol wagen with his injured wife and then to the Morgue. His wife is still ing was that members of Kosher Meat at the hospital. Bunacio was intoxi-cated, his wife said. He quarreled with r early last night, renewed the quarrel carly this morning and then the & Co., the Philadelphia rendering com-

FIREMEN SHOVEL COAL

Tons of Precious Fuel Piled on Ice in Delaware-Little Is

Prompt action saved many tons of coal that might have been lost when the coal barge Defense caught fire early today at Pier No. 12. Port Elchmond. The fire was started by the overturning of a small coal stove used by the crew in their cabin. No one was aboard the barge at the time and the blaze was discovered by a watcoman.

PULMOTOR CAME TOO LATE

the gas prevented his recovery. Other lodgers smelled the gis. They notified a policeman. He telephoned to the Women's Homoepathic Hospital to send

BY PAPER MILL FIRE TRY TO ALLY **MARTIN FIRM** WITH TRUST

Kosher Butchers Fined for Failure to Sell Bones to Favored Concern

PROBERS LEARN OF "SQUEEZE" METHOD

Campaign to Kill Competitive Buying of Fats or Throttle Small Rivals

INVOLVES "BIG THREE"

Heney Goes After Swift, Arm our and Morris Packing Houses in His Inquiry

tween the, D. B. Martin Company and the Swift. Armour and Morris concerns, commonly referred to as the "big three in the meat world, was made by Francis J. Heney, counsel for the Federal Trade commission is conducting at the Federal Building into the fat-rendering industry when the hearing reopened this morning.

sany connected with the American Agricultural Chemical Company, which, the investigators asert, is the meat WHEN BARGE IS BLAZING trust rendering concern. Members, testheir fats to any one other than Brown

the meat trust has been carrying on a &

Testimony has been produced in Bos-ton, Philadelphia and Washington to show that wherever the small renderers or independents refused to fix prices on the barge at the time and the blaze was discovered by a watchman.

Firemen and others fought the blaze three hours and shoveled the coal out driven them out. The testimony has on the ice in the river. Many tons of shown, the prices invariably have been

F. W. English, secretary of D. B. Martin & Co., was called to testify relative to the connections of his company. Young Man Dies After Kicking Over
Gas Stove in Room

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and on being questioned as to why Mr. White's name had been brought into Continued on Page Five, Column Two

QUICK NEWS

AMERICAN AIR PILOTS READY

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 4 .- rae first group of full-fledged American air pilots ready for Cuty was turned out today by the air school near the French Ifnes. The youngsters have been completing a course in aerial photography and observation. All received their brevets with one exception. This exception had to be made for disciplinary

OPEN SLAV ASSEMBLY JANUARY 18 IE 400 ATTEND

PETROGRA, Jan. 4.—Opening of the Constituent Assembly was fixed for January 18 if a quorum of 400 members is then present in Petrograd, according to a formal announcement today.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN OPENS FEB. 15

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The Third Liberty Loan campaign will be opened February 15, it was learned today.

POLES AND UKRAINIANS ADMITTED TO PARLEYS

VIENNA, Jan. 4 .- The Austro-Hungarian Government isand a statement today saying that the Central Powers have agreed to allow the delegates representing Poland and Ukrania to take part in the formal peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

campaign in nearly all of the biger cities of the country to squeeze out small rendering concerns or to eliminate competitive buying of fats from the butch-

FIND CZAR-KAISER PLAN AGAINST SOCIALISM PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—That the Czar's Government was in communica-

tion with German autocracy seeking the formation of an international convention which would lay plans for a world-wide fight against Socialism was revealed in documents uncarthed at the Foreign Office and made public by the Bolshevik Government today. The archives showed pourparlers had actually been begun at one time with this purpose in view.

COAL FAMINE CLOSES NORTHUMBERLAND FACTORIES

NORTHUMBERLAND, Pa., Jan. 4.—Keystone Forging Company and Van Allen Nail Works, the principal industries here, closed today for an indefinite time. According to officials it is impossible to get coal or steel indefinite time. According to officials it is impossible to get coal or steel enough to keep the plant in operation. More than one hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

John O'Nell, thirty years old, 2313
North Fifteenth street, died of gas beginning today as a pulmotor was being rushed to his room.

O'Nell, who was a lodger at the North Fifteenth street house, was dressing about 7:40 o'clock this morning. From this point Mr. Hensy wanted to know if the General Manufacturing Company does not have an office at "No. 2 Rector street, New York, in the same place as the American Agricultural and The fall apparently stumed him and Chemical Company." His answer was

BIG STOCK DIVIDEND FOR CONTINENTAL CAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—At a special meeting of Continental Can Company held at Milbrook, N. Y., the stockholders approved a plan to increase the common stock from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. A resolution passed by the directors recently for a 35 per cent stock dividend was ratified. The dividend is payable February 21 to stock of record February 1.

NO COAL IN LANCASTER; MERCURY AT ZERO

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 4.—This city is absolutely cleaned of coal today with the thermometer at zero. Shipments expected for two days over the supply had been burned at the supply had been burned at the Reading have failed to arrive and suffering is acute.

BIG SHIPMENT OF SUGAR DUE HERE TODAY

A big sugar shipment from Cuba will reach here today on the Nor-A big sugar singularit from Havana. The cargo, which will help to today's receipts exceeding or even wegian steamship Eike III from Havana. The cargo, which will help to today's receipts exceeding or even relieve the shortage throughout the city, is consigned to the William J. McCahan Sugar Refining Company. More than 4.000,000 tons of sugar are ington, pleading for increased ship now available for shipment from Cuba, it is said.

PHILADELPHIA MORTALITY LOWEST OF BIG CITIES WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-With an average death rate of 12.9 during the

cek ending December 29, Philadelphia stands first among the large cities week ending December 29, Philadelphia and the Department of telegraph and telephone to them, for low mortality, according to the weekly bulletin of the Department of telegraph and telephone to them.

"We have no knowledge of how Commerce issued today. New York, for the same period, averaged 14.8; Chicago, 16, and Baltimore, 15.3. Pittsburgh had a rate slightly better than Philadelphia with an average of 12.5.

DYING, SHE SWEEPS FLOOR FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS AWAY Women Fatally Burned Cleans Room Brakeman Nearly Frozen Trying to Before She Succumbs

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 4 -- 150 though she was fatally burned. First wanna freight train, consisting of seven Thomas Reed, fifty-nine years old, of ears and a focomotive, ran away on the up the floor which had been damaged and was not brought to a stop until the Alone at the time, it is thought her train ran seven miles. Failure of the clothing caught fire while she was quilting near the stove. When her hushand returned home a few hours later it was to find her unconscious. She died soon after. by the flames before she lay down to die, station here was reached. In all the

First Liability Injury

Wil.MINGTON, Dei., Jan. 4.— The first accident case under the new employers' liability act was referred to the commission in charge of the enforcement of the new law. Galening Alsundy was injured in the plant of the Deemer Steel Casting Company, at New Castle, by a spark striking him in the cyc. He will be paid according to the eye. He will be paid according to the extent of his injury, the company and the man both having acceptes the terms of the new act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—After tes

Stop Cars by Hand Brakes .

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 4 .- A Lackawanna freight train, consisting of seven Pine Summit, Columbia County, swept mountain grade near Clarks Summit

HOLD TWO ENEMY ALIENS IN NORFOLK FIRE HUNT

find responsibility for the \$2,000,000 fires New Year's Day have been held. They are Johannes Emmor and his son, Otto, who are unnaturalized and have no

nal. Military permits to pass through

RAY OF HOP IN SHIPMEN OF COAL HE

One Concern Order to Deliver 1200 Tons Daily

"DROP IN BUCKET." BUT MORE PROMISI

Fuel Administrator A to Lessen Distress in Philadelphia

RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS

More Than 1000 Tons to 1 Delivered at Cost-Train Boldly "Tapped"

Nearly a hundred men, womes children made a raid today on cars loaded with coal which were ! on a siding at Washington av between Front and Second ste The cars were left without gu and the raiders helped thems without interference.

The first intimation of help a Washington in the coal shortage is tained in the announcement made morning by the M. A. Hanna Come morning by the M. A. Hanna C that instructions have been received. Fued Administrator Garfield to shipment immediately of 20 per ce its daily allotted coal consignments

This means that this company from on will bring 1200 tons daily this city for the relief of paraly redustries, shivering families, and closchool houses and other public butings. These shipments will be made. PROBE BIG CHICAGO STOCK YARD FIRE

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.— Destruction of Warehouse No. 38 of the plant of Swift
Co. in the stock yards last night, with a loss variously estimated between

Partial relief for the hospitals of city is assured in the action of American Coal and Ice Company, was announcement this morning it will distribute at cost more 1000 tons of coal among the hospitals. of the city. To do this, the compan-had to shut down two of its branch plants, while the remaining are practically without fuel.

Philadelphia's poor, confronted with sickness and disease, rioting about whe coal-laden cars can be found, may be peet no relief today, members of the

U. OF P. HARD PRESSED The coal lack has forced several 1 industrial plants to temporarily soperations, many schools are closmany other places face a like si unless coal reaches them today.

With but 7500 tons of dome coal brought to Philadelphia in twenty-four hours, and no pro-

coal committee, said. "We are we have no knowledge of no about remedying the transportation culties. All we know is that Doot field has appealed to the transportant and mining companies to try coal for the city."

MOVING COAL TRAIN TA One of the most daring in socalled "coal-thieving" which curred furing the terrible cos of the last menth took place i terday at what is known as the ows." on Seventy-seventh stree ows." on Seventy-seventh street some unidentified person, beat swiftly moving coal train and the "dog" lever loose from its in on the dumping chute of a large hard coal, the precious "black disscattering all along the track action must have been carefully as the entire relighborhood had ently been "tipped off" and was with baby carriages, dump care carts, express wagons, buckets.

carts, express wagons, bue bags, barrels and anythin hold a lump of coal. In hour the entire forty tons away" as though it had b

THE WEATH

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and tonight, with lowest ten

Admiral Is Relieved From

VICTORY IN ITALY MAY BE DOUBLED Would Greatly Increase

of Invaders

LONDON, Jan. 4. Initiative in the Italian theatre of war is swinging to the Allies. Not only have the Austro-German invaders been unable to gain any more ground, but dispatches from Rome today told of important successes for

Armies Defeats Plan

ALLIES WIN NEW

The Italians have beaten back all efforts of Austro-Germans to force a crossing of the Piave River and have cleared all the western bank of Teutonic soldiers. The British have made a dash across the river, raiding Austrian and German trenches on the west side, then returning with prisoners and booty. The French have taken not only the summit of Monte Tomba (between Monte Monte Tomba (between Monte) two in number. The first is that young others, forced more than a score of schools to remain closed and started several slight fires. Suffering among all classes of the city's population is classes of the city's population is and not upon the population, as the recent draft ordered.

According to General Beary, shout the cold wave that has held Philadel-p The Italians have beaten back all

Combined Drive by Three Adoption of Crowder Plan Suffering in City Grows Starts Legislative Pro-Pennsylvania Quota

Pennsylvania will send even more men

to fight the Hun than she has, if the amendments to the draft law urged This was the opinion expressed today

by Adjutant General Thomas J. Beary,

who made approximate calculations at the Italian, French and British Harrisburg, accurate statistics being unavailable at this early date. The Crowder recommendations are two in number. The first is that young

have taken not only the summit of Monte Tomba (between Monte Grappa and the Piave River), but have overrun some of the northern slopes.

With this observation post lost the Austro-Germans find a serious new obstacle in their attempts to capture Monte Grappa, the chief beight barring their way in northern capture Monte Grappa, the chief beight barring their way in northern the statempts to could be made on that basis. That capture Monte Grappa, the chief beight barring their way in northern the statempts to could be made on that basis. That capture Monte Grappa, the chief beight barring their way in northern the statempts to could be made on that basis. That capture Monte Grappa, the chief beight barring their way in northern the statempts to could be made on that basis. That could be made on that basis. That could be made on that basis. The could be made on the could be ma

required to register."

BIG INCREASE PREDICTED

The second recommendation would be responsible also, if passed, for a great increase in the fighting strength, General Beary thought.

The industrial impetus due to the might. He died before he could be usentimented by the presentation of war necessities centered.

STATE WAR DRAFT COLD WILL LAST TWO DAYS MORE

Serious-One Dead, Two Hurt

CLEAR BANK OF PIAVE MANY YET TO REGISTER MANY POOR NEED HELP MAY RETAIN SYSTEMS

HOURLY	TEN	PERAT	URES
Midnight	3	7 a. m.	
1 a. m	2	8 a. m.	*****
2 a. m	3	9 a. m.	
3 a. m	3	10 a. m.	*****
4 a. m	3	11 a. m.	
		Name	

the death of one man, injury to two schools to remain closed and started

several slight fires. Suffering among compensate the railroads on a basis of all classes of the city's population is the average net operating income of the

WILSON MAKES RAILROAD PLEA

gram for U. S. Ownership of Lines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.

President Wilson today started Congress on a legislative program, expected to result eventually in Government ownership of the nation's railroads. Here is what is expected of Congress

Creation of an organization under Director General McAdoo, operating similarly to the Government shipping board, to buy and sell railroad securities. Appropriations of \$500,000,000 for im mediate improvements with prospective legislation to insure the Government not losing money put into such improve

last three years. Necessary measures for protecting travelers and shippers under the Government leased regime.

Authorization to the President or McAdoo of all power to run the railroads during the war.

Out of the financial web thus woven

Out of the financial web thus woven no one—neither railroad executives, stockholders, administration officials or labor leaders—believes the transportation systems will ever extricate themselves to return to private operation.

The moment the question of money to rehabilitate the railroads is raised, the Government ownership advocates will begin their active campaign. They declare that once the Government indeclare that once the Government invests directly in the railroads, the only way it will get its money back will be to take over the lines at a valuation which eliminates the \$5,000,000,000 admitted water in the \$20,000,000 000 railroad capitalization.

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While legislators awaited the President's address on rallroads an effort to
have the Government fix wages in virtually all industrial lines during the
war was begun in the Senate.

Senator King prepared a resolution
celling on the Senate Commerce Committee to report whether legulation authorising the Government to fix wages
of all vertices.